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1. The possibility that Panama may be included by Central American revolutionaries in their plan for a political union of Central American states is seen in past and continuing relations between Arnulfo Arias on the one hand, and President Arevalo of Guatemala and Jose Figueres of Costa Rica on the other.
2. Early in July Arevalo is reported to have given a favorable reply to a request by Arias for Guatemalan assistance "in the near future".
3. Arias' relations with Figueres have been closer still. On 5 or 6 July a Panamanian deputy-elect named Suplente, belonging to Arias' Partido Revolucionario Autentico, is alleged to have made a trip to Costa Rica, where he delivered a bundle of maps and documents to the Figueres government. Some of these maps, which are still in the possession of Costa Rican government officials, have been seen by an informant who says they clearly showed military installations and positions in both the Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone. Shortly after Arias' flight from Panama, his nephew Roberto Arias had a sum of money deposited in a Costa Rican bank with instructions that payments were to be made as directed by him. It is also known that at the time Figueres was struggling for control of Costa Rica, he obligated himself to Arias and his group by accepting money and arms from them. Arnulfo Arias and Figueres occasionally communicate through two Englishmen, Ted Scott and Alex Murray. The former is in Arias' employ and has made several trips to Costa Rica in the recent past, while Murray, in whose home Figueres is now residing, has been a close personal friend of the Costa Rican leader for a long time. In May 1948 Scott is known to have communicated with Murray, at the request of Roberto Arias, for the purpose of getting Figueres to send a message of congratulations to Arias on the occasion of the Panamanian elections. At the time Figueres deemed it inadvisable to comply with the request.
4. Others suspected of acting as go-betweens for Arias and Figueres are Enrique Ruiz Vernacci and Lowell Yerex. Ruiz Vernacci, a native of Spain and a naturalized Panamanian, was one of the principal writers for Harmodio Arias' newspaper La Hora prior to his dismissal in March for plagiarism. He is described as a capable journalist and one of the leading literary figures of Panama, but a writer who can be bought by the highest bidder. Ruiz Vernacci made a trip to Costa Rica in June, where he conferred with Alex Murray and Figueres. Lowell Yerex is a long-time associate of Ted Scott. On 24 July he travelled from Costa Rica to Panama in his privately owned Lockheed Lodestar, which bears a Costa Rican registry number.

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